

2016 DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Backpacking 101-(session I)

This class teaches the basics of how to select equipment and clothing. We will hike an actual trail to an established campsite. Demonstrate the basics of camp set up and share tips on how to pack and prepare for an overnight trip. This is only a day trip. This class is not for you if you have health, leg or joint problems. Backpackers must be prepared to hike approximately 4 miles total. You will be responsible for packing your own water/drinks and or snacks.

Backyard Wildlife –(session III)

Many people find wildlife watching to be relaxing and educational. Whether you have the old family farmstead or a postage stamp patio, this course will provide you with information that will help turn your property into a good wildlife habitat with general tips as well as ways to target particular species or groups of animals.

Basic Camp Cooking-(session II)

A variety of cooking styles, including dutch oven cooking, will be used to prepare easy delicious one-pot meals, breads and deserts. You will also prepare and sample each dish.

Basic Camping Skills-(session IV)

Learn what to take and what to leave behind. Discuss equipment best suited for your needs: tents, sleeping bags and cook stoves. Learn to put up a tent, build a safe fire and make a camp with low or no impact on the environment.

Basic Handguns-(session III)

Learn the basics of selecting a gun. Practice handgun shooting, cleaning, storage and self-protection. Please DO NOT bring your own handgun, one will be provided. PREREQUISITE - Firearms and Firearm Safety course or Certification in the Hunter Safety course.

Beginning Fly-fishing-(session IV)

Learn the basics of casting and fly presentation, types of flies, selection of equipment and other helpful facts. You may bring your own equipment however, equipment will be provided.

Birdwatching-(session IV)

Hike the nearby ridge and identify common birds using information on seasons, bird calls and bird habitat preferences. You may bring your own binoculars, pad and pencil and bird guide. Some will be provided.

Boating / Trailing-(session IV)

Demonstrations and discussion will involve basic La. freshwater boating safety rules and legal requirements. Boat trailering tips. Actual experience includes selection and care of Personal Flotation Devices, hauling a boat, and backing up a boat trailer.

Bow Fishing-(session III)

This course will introduce participants to the equipment, techniques, and regulations associated with bow fishing. We will practice hands on skills using bows and arrows designed specifically for bow fishing. All equipment will be provided, however, participants can bring their own.

PREREQUISITE- Intro to Archery

Bucks and Does-(session III)

Class will cover deer biology, senses, preferred habitat, how to locate deer signs, different deer stands, management and hunting, and gun and ammo selection. This class is a requirement to attend the Beyond BOW Deer Hunt.

Caught On Camera!-(session IV)

Explore the use of trail cameras to capture still images and video of wildlife in the outdoors (or maybe indoors!). Participants will experience the excitement of discovering what wildlife is really out there from their backyard to their hunting property. An in-depth overview of camera setup will be discussed as well as the when and where of camera placement to help get the most out of your camera. Class time will be split between an indoor camera overview and a field equipment setup activity.

Compass Skills-(session III)

This class will familiarize the student with the practical use of a compass in land navigation. Classroom discussion as well as field exercises will be utilized. Other navigation techniques will be taught if time permits. No need to bring anything, but dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes or boots.

Dutch Oven Cooking 101-(session II)

Learn the basics for seasoning your dutch oven to the use of briquettes for temperature control. You will use a variety of cooking methods and enjoy the tasty food that you prepare with dutch oven recipes.

Edible Talk –(session I)

This is a hands on (actually mouth on and nose on) presentation with fresh and dried samples of edible and useful plants. Brew fresh tea from an assortment of dried plants plus participant are encouraged to graze on salad plants. You will identify and review plant species found around the campground during a plant id walk.

Falconry-(session IV)

Discover the world of hunting with trained raptors. Learn the laws and best practices of falconry. Learn how to properly care for and hunt with a hawk. The class will consist of both classroom instruction with PowerPoint and hands-on training as well as live birds of falconry exhibited. Participants will not be allowed to hold the birds but photos with the birds will be allowed. Following the classroom presentation the plan is to go to the field with an actual hunting bird being flown (As conditions and birds allow). Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for “in the woods” hiking. Insect repellent and cameras are encouraged.

Firearms & Firearm Safety-(session I)

The class will cover the basic types of firearms, firearm safety, and selecting and purchasing firearms. No actual shooting, but THIS IS A PREREQUISITE for handgun, rifle, and shotgun courses.

Game Cleaning-(session I)

Learn how to take care of your harvest. This class deals with hands-on field dressing while identifying the biological parts of a white-tailed deer. Then you move straight into cutting and packaging.

Gator Done-(session II)

Class will cover alligator line set demonstrations with types of bait. Also learn how to get the alligator off the line then use your own two hands to help skin and process the hide. More in this class is how to preserve the meat and hide and if time permits you will enjoy the taste of fried alligator.

Got Fur ?-(session III)

This class will teach you about the different traps and different ways to make a set. Learn about the different tools needed for trapping and hide preparation plus what baits and lures are needed as you get hands on experience in trap setting. If weather permits you will go to the nearby stream and wooded area to set traps.

Hear A Duck, There A Duck-(session I)

Learn waterfowl ID, blind building techniques, safety and ethical issues, hunting specific areas, duck calling, and cleaning. Also, experience basic wing shooting techniques if weather permits.

Hunting with Woman's Best Friend – (session IV)

We will discuss being outdoors with your dog, different kinds of hunting dogs, resources for dog training clubs and needed equipment, basic first aid, basic obedience, basic blood trailing, and basic duck dog.

Intro to Archery-(session I)

An introduction to the wonderful world of archery. Students will be informed about archery by means of brief lecture and printed handouts. The majority of time will involve hands on experience with archery gear. Equipment will be provided but you may bring your own.

Intro to Fishing-(session II)

The course will include equipment selection, types of lures, knot-tying, baitcasting and actual fishing. Learn fish biology, fish identification and site selection for fishing. You may bring your own equipment.

Intro to Shotgun-(session II)

Improve your shooting skill in skeet or to fine-tune your bird hunting techniques. This is the fastest growing shotgun sport in the United States. Equipment, guns and ammo are provided. Please do not bring your shotgun. PREREQUISITE - Firearms and Firearm Safety course or Certification in the Hunter Safety course.

Kayaking 101-(session I & III)

In this on-water seminar, you'll learn everything you need to know to learn how to paddle a flatwater kayak efficiently. We'll cover all the basics including terminology, the best ways to enter and exit a kayak as well as all the basic strokes. Our goal is for you to be able to easily paddle your kayak in a straight line, turn quickly in both directions and to do it with techniques that will minimize effort on your arms. These are double tandem, sit on top, kayaks. Please wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet!

Living With LA Wildlife-(session III)

Investigate pelts of LA's fur bearing animals and learn about their habitats and behaviors. Identify wildlife tracks and learn the identifying traits that distinguish them apart. Learn to live among wildlife without causing conflict.

Louisiana Wood Carving-(session I)

Ever wondered what it would be like to carve your own fish from wood? Find out in this class and learn about the instructors' specialty of carving Louisiana game fish – both freshwater and saltwater. Learn about the types of wood that is best for carvings, proper equipment, and safety.

Now That I've Caught It, What Is It, and What Do I Do With It?-(session III)

Identify and define biological parts of fresh and saltwater fish. Experience how to hold and clean the fish. Then after all that, you get to cook and eat the fish using various delicious recipes.

Outdoor Personal Protection-(session IV)

Defense from 2 and 4 legged predators using firearms, knives, sticks, chemicals and unarmed.

Outdoor Photography-(session II)

Participants will learn techniques in selecting a location and setting up equipment. Special concerns for the nature photographer and other useful information for the beginning photographer will be covered. Tips will be given on how to use your photos to create unique items. **NOTE:** Bring your digital camera for hands-on experience during an outdoor photo session. Please bring the camera's instruction manual.

Outdoor Women of the 1800's-(session IV)

Take a glimpse into the lives of several women who pioneered the way for females to be accepted as man's equal in the outdoors. From the responsibilities of the Native American woman (and actually constructing a teepee), to the works of one of Louisiana's founding botanists, to the skill of a historical markswoman, you will discover the trials and tribulations that were overcome so that women could enjoy the outdoor opportunities they do today.

Power Up Your Equipment-(session II)

Learn the How To's, the Do's, and the Don't's with weed eaters, chain saws, lawn mowers, and other power equipment. Operate, change oil, learn basic repair, and practice safety handling with a variety of engines. Please wear long pants and fully enclosed shoes.

Rifle Marksmanship-(session II)

Students will be coached in marksmanship techniques and have the opportunity to practice their shooting skills at a fully operable shooting range. Rifles are provided. Please do not bring yours. **PREREQUISITE** - Firearms and Firearm Safety Course or Certification in the Hunter Safety course.

Talking Turkey-(session II)

Learn the biology and habits of wild turkeys and tips on photographing them. Practice executing calling techniques, learn the uses of camouflage, how to handle equipment, and how to set up a turkey hunt.

The Life of a Fur Trader-(session II)

Learn the lifestyle of early trapping/fur traders along our bayous and rivers, also known as "mountain men". Participants will see replica "trading post" items from the era as well as trapping techniques and methods for native american brain-tanning of deer/animal hides taught with hands-on examples by historical re-enactor Buckskin Billy.

Where Am I?-(session IV)

Learn how a Global Positioning System (GPS) works, the terminology, and benefits. During field exercises you will navigate yourself to a specific destination. **PREREQUISITE** is Compass Skills class.

***Wilderness Survival-(session I)**

Class deals with emergency survival techniques such as shelter, fire building, food and water needs, signaling, and the Psychology of Surviving. Lots of hands-on exercises and use of survival tools and techniques. Includes an overnight experience in the 'wild' (weather and logistics permitting) to utilize survival techniques and learning. This class does not resume into session II. *Class will start at 10am of Friday (Registration will be open at 9am)

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